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Applicants: MacDonald et al. Conf. No.: 1638

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For : METHODS OF INCREASING PLATELET AND HEMATOPOLETIC

STEM CELL PRODUCTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the non-final Office Action dated August 3, 2006 for three (3) months from November 3, 2006 to February 3, 2007. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid non-final Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to our Deposit Account as indicated on the Fee Transmittal Sheet filed via EFS.

Respectfully submitted,

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